

REMARKS

Claims 63-84 have been added herein. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the new claims.

Priority

Applicant has amended the specification to include "Related U.S. Applications." It states that "this application is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 6,754,619 entitled "Digital Recording And Playback System With Voice Recognition Capability For Concurrent Text Generation," by Nakatsuyama filed on 11/15/99, which is incorporated herein by reference."

The Applicant has cancelled Claims 31-62 and has added new Claims 63-84. Applicant asserts that new Claims 63-84 do not include new matter and are supported by the specification. Therefore, Applicant requests the filing date of November 15, 1999 be granted.

Drawings

The drawings are rejected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because they fail to clearly show significant features of the subject matter specified in the claims. The Applicant has cancelled Claims 31-62 and has added new Claims 63-84. Applicant asserts that new Claims 63-84 do not include new matter and are supported by the specification and the drawings. Therefore, Applicant requests the rejection to the drawings be removed.

Specification

The title is objected to because it is not sufficiently descriptive of the invention. The Applicant has cancelled Claims 31-62 and has added new Claims 63-84. Applicant asserts that new Claims 63-84 do not include new matter and are supported by the title. Therefore, Applicant requests the rejection to the title be removed.

The disclosure is objected to because the meaning of "compression ratio" (at least page 10, line 6) is not clear. Applicant has amended the specification to replace "compression ratio" with "compression rate" on page 10, line 24.

Applicant requests this objection be removed for the same rational of the Office Action in response to the communication(s) filed on June 10, 2003 for U.S. Patent No. 6,754,619 entitled "Digital Recording And Playback System With Voice Recognition Capability For Concurrent Text Generation," by Nakatsuyama, filed on 11/15/99, which is incorporated herein by reference" which states that this amendment removes the grounds for rejection to this term.

The disclosure is objected to because the phrase "phonetic group definitions" (at least page 12, line 1 and page 13, lines 16-17 is not defined and is not standard terminology in the art of switch control. Applicant would like to point out that in the Office Action in response to the communication(s) filed on June

10, 2003 for U.S. Patent No. 6,754,619 entitled "Digital Recording And Playback System With Voice Recognition Capability For Concurrent Text Generation," by Nakatsuyama, filed on 11/15/99, which is incorporated herein by reference" states that "upon reconsideration by the Examiner, it now appears that the term is used in the context of defining groups of text, not in the context of switch control. Accordingly the objection is removed." Applicant requests the objection to the phrase "phonetic group definitions" be removed for the same rational.

The specification is objected to because the embodiment shown in Figure 2A of the drawings is not described in the specification. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification. It should be appreciated that the Applicant discloses that such steps as are depicted in the flowchart are only exemplary. The flowchart does not indicate that one step necessarily occurs before another, but that the depicted step is part of the overall process.

Applicants have amended the Abstract in the substitute specification to comply with the 150 word limit and therefore Applicant requests the objection to the Abstract be removed.

Claim Informalities

Claims 31-62 have been cancelled herein and new Claims 63-84 have been added, therefore the claim informalities are moot in light of the new claims.

Claim Rejections 112

Claims 31-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 31-61 are cancelled herein, making the 112 rejection moot.

Double Patenting


A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321(c) is being submitted concurrent with the instant response, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

Should the Examiner have a question regarding the instant response, the Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Clean version substitute specification
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